

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4712

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that the United States Postal Service obtain a signature from that person in order to deliver the document, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2016

Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. CUMMING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

---

## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may require that the United States Postal Service obtain a signature from that person in order to deliver the document, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening the De-  
3 partment of Homeland Security Secure Mail Initiative  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. OPTION FOR SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT UNDER**  
6 **THE SECURE MAIL INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 of Homeland Security shall provide for an option under  
10 the Secure Mail Initiative (or any successor program)  
11 under which a person to whom a document is sent under  
12 that initiative may require that the United States Postal  
13 Service obtain a signature from that person in order to  
14 deliver the document.

15 (b) FEE.—The Secretary shall require the payment  
16 of a fee from a person requiring a signature under the  
17 option required to be provided under subsection (a), which  
18 shall be in such an amount as is reasonable to recoup the  
19 costs of providing such option to such person.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

21 Beginning not later than one year after the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the  
23 Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress  
24 a report which includes—

25 (1) for the first report, the implementation of  
26 the requirements under section 1;

- 1                   (2) the fee imposed under section 1(b); and  
2                   (3) the number of times during the previous  
3                   year that a person required a signature under the  
4                   required to be provided under section 1(a).

○